

Baltimore City

Department of Social Services

Food Stamp (FS)

Increases the food purchasing capability of families and individuals. Most persons receiving TCA and TDAP are eligible for Food Stamps, as are others with low income.

Homeless Emergency Environmental Services (HEESU)

Provides assistance to adults and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

In-Home Aide Services (IHAS)

Provides services to the elderly, disabled, ill, handicapped, and those who need assistance with daily activities in order to remain in their homes. In addition, IHAS provides a parenting and job skills readiness program.

Office of Male Initiatives (OMI)

Provides and links young fathers to services that enable them to become active participants in the lives of their children. The programs include the Strong Fathers/Strong Families and the Young Fathers/Responsible Fathers programs.

Medical Assistance (MA)

Provides a federal entitlement program that allows low-income individuals to obtain medical care and treatment.

Public Information Office (PIO)

Provides information about BCDSS programs and services to the media and members of the community. Coordinates a Speaker's Bureau that addresses community groups and other organizations about services and programs provided by BCDSS. Arrangements for a speaker should be made at least two weeks in advance of the speaking date. Requests should be sent to:

cbrown3@dhr.state.md.us

BCDSS WEB Page:
<http://www.dhr.state.md.us>

General Information 443-423-6300
To Report Child Abuse or Neglect
410-361-2235



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In the lives of Children, Adults, and Families...

Building Better Community



Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)

Provides a time limited cash assistance program for families to promote individual responsibility and self-sufficiency.

Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP)

Provides a state-funded cash assistance program for medical, housing and other services to disabled adults who are ineligible for other cash assistance programs.

Child Care Program (also known as) Purchase of Care (POC)

Coordinates childcare services for eligible families and ensures payment to day care providers. Child Care services are provided to Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) customers participating in a work activity or a substance abuse treatment program as well as to other low- income working families.

Foster Care Services (FCS)

Provides services to court-committed children and to adults who are interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents.

Adoption Services

Focuses on developing profiles of children and placement of children who are legally free to be adopted. Adoption services are provided to relatives and non-relative caretakers. Post adoption services may include a monthly subsidy, medical assistance, and information and referral.

People interested in foster care or adoption should know that they may be married or single, may or may not have children of their own, do not need to own their home, and may work outside the home. The home must meet basic health and safety standards. Everyone living in the prospective foster/adoptive home must pass a health exam and everyone over 18 must be fingerprinted for a police check. For more information about foster care and or adoption, please call 410-685-8231.

Intake & Assessment

Screens and investigates reports of child maltreatment and provides services to children found to be abused or neglected.
To report suspected abuse call 410-361-2235

Project Home

Manages the Certified Adult Residential Environment (CARE) housing programs and provides supportive housing and case management to disabled adults, including persons with AIDS.

Social Services to Adults (SSTA)

Provides social work services to persons aged 18 years and older who are not caring for children. Case management and crisis intervention services provide customers with linkages to community resources and internal BCDSS programs.

Adult Protective Services (APS)

Serves persons aged 18 and over who are unable to protect their own interests or are at risk of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. Provides investigative services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of vulnerable adults.